

WARM CRITICISM OF BIG EXPENSES

Senate District Committee Arouses Country's Ire.

NEWSPAPERS MAKING COMMENTS

Attack Park Commission's "Junket" to Europe.

TO PREVENT A REPETITION

Representative Cannon Determined That No Such Charge on Contingent Funds Shall Be Made Again—War Department's Similar Plans.

A number of articles have recently appeared in newspapers throughout the country severely criticizing the "Park Commission" and the Senate District Committee, on whose initiative the Commission was selected, and sent to Europe last summer. Both the Senate committee and the Commission are much incensed over the stories sent out from Washington, which, they say, are wholly unwarranted.

The large amount to be allotted this year to the contingent fund of the Senate by the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill again calls attention to the Commission, which cost about \$47,000.

Committee's Authority Attacked.

The assertions in the attacks on the Commission are that the Senate committee had no right to send it to Europe, on its "junketing trip," that Congress did not contemplate any such trip; that the Commission has done work that was already done quite as well, if not better, by an architect employed by the War Department, and that finally the War Department will have nothing to do with the Commission and its plans, and that therefore they are worth nothing and will never bear any fruit.

Attitude of Other Officials.

The most serious of these charges is that the War Department is unfriendly to the Commission plan, for it is there so there might be a serious clash between Senator McMillan's committee and the Department, which might result in a stoppage of all work of public improvement in the District.

As a matter of fact, Secretary Root's last annual report shows that there is no foundation for this charge. Mr. Root speaks in the most cordial terms of the Commission and its work, and urges that its plans be adopted in the future improvement of the Capital City.

Architect Parsons was the man who

Comment is rife throughout the country on the Senate District Committee's authorization of the Park Commission's trip to Europe last summer, and the charging of the cost, \$47,000, against the contingent funds of the United States Senate. Similar plans had been previously prepared by the War Department, it is stated, and the availability of the Commission's work now seems doubtful.

worked for the War Department. He accepted the Commission's offer to devise a plan for the beautification of the Mall and to connect it with Rock Creek Park. His plan is that known as the "goose-egg plan" from the fact that it repeats many times in the Mall the goose-egg shaped spaces to be seen on the grounds east of the Capitol. This idea was much talked about when it was first broached. Friends of the Senate District Committee state that the plan is not only not artistic, but that it would be inconvenient in the extreme and that it would cost vastly more to carry out than the scheme of the Park Commission. They assert that it contemplates the destruction of the Mall when it was first broached.

Senator McMillan's Work.

Nothing was done with Mr. Parsons' ideas and a little more than a year ago Senator McMillan suggested to the Senate District Committee action to other friends of the District in Congress that a broad general plan should be arranged on which the future development of the District might proceed in an orderly and artistic fashion.

As a matter of fact there was no formal authority given the committee to send a commission to Europe. It was authorized by a joint resolution of Congress to have such plans prepared, the expense of the work to be met out of the Senate contingent expense fund. No limit was fixed as to the amount to be expended or as to how the plans should be prepared.

Mr. Cannon's Objection.

It is probable that Mr. Cannon of the House Committee on Appropriations might have objected to the joint resolution if he had known how much it was to cost as the method of taking such a heavy expenditure on the Senate contingent fund was undoubtedly unusual.

Mr. Cannon's attitude has shown itself, in fact. He made a protest when the Park Commission item came up for discussion by the Appropriations Committee, and announced finally that no such expenditure shall be made again with his permission. Despite this fact, however, the beauty of the plans, and their practicability have disposed nearly everyone in Congress and in the departments to forgive Senator McMillan's committee for its somewhat Napoleonic disregard for precedent.

INCONSISTENCIES IN THE GRANTING OF PENSIONS

Representative Sims of Tennessee is making a campaign against pension legislation and charges recklessness and discrimination by the House in the passage of private pension bills.

Figures show that at the short session of the last Congress in four days 767 private pension bills were passed, of which 467 were for increase, and that the average of the increases allowed was above 200 per cent.

Mr. Sims holds that there should be a general law regulating the increase of pensions, so that one man should not be given double the amount given another for like disability resulting from like service.

The methods that obtain in legislation in the grant of increase is thus described by Mr. Sims:

"A man goes before the Pension Bureau with an imperfect title. If he had a good title he would get \$12, but he cannot make it, and he does not get anything. Then he comes here, and, out of kindness of heart, and liberality, the House gives him \$24, when he could not have gotten over \$12 if he had had a good title."

Referring to the fact that three of the members of the Committee on Invalid Pen-

Representative Sims Charges Discrimination and Recklessness.

sions come from Michigan and two from Indiana, Mr. Sims says:

"Take the State of Indiana. The number of pensioners in that State is 65,974, and the gross amount paid by this Government to those pensioners is \$1,291,896.75 per annum. That State has two members on the committee."

"Now, let us take the great State of Illinois, right beside it, and I suppose that State furnished more men as many soldiers as did Indiana. That State has on the pension roll 70,481, a greater number by several thousand than Indiana, and those pensioners receive \$9,757,062.75."

"Let us take the State of Michigan, with three members on the committee. There are on the roll from Michigan 44,650 pensioners, who receive \$3,757,062.75."

"Now, take the State of Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania has on the pension roll 104,345, and they receive \$13,378,371. 'The average annual value of a pension in Michigan is, in round numbers, \$150, while the average value in Pennsylvania is but \$125. The average annual value in Indiana, in round numbers, is \$150, while in Illinois it is \$137.'"

AMERICAN LEAGUE MAGNATES MEET

President Johnson Denies Twelve-Club Rumor.

SAYS IT WON'T BE BROACHED

DETROIT, Mich., March 5.—The annual schedule meeting of the American Baseball League was called to order at the Griswold House, shortly after 11 o'clock this morning, with President Ban Johnson in the chair, and representatives from every team except Boston present.

President Johnson said this morning that there was nothing at all in the rumor that an effort would be made to increase the number of teams in the league to ten by the addition of Cincinnati and New York.

The question would probably not be even suggested, he said. He also stated that there would be no material change in the rules.

As to the schedule of the Western teams he stated they would go East before the Eastern teams came West, and the wins-up will be played among themselves; that is the West will play with the West, and the East will play with the East.

Visitors at the Treasury.

Among the prominent foreign visitors at the United States Treasury today were Dr. Hans Braun, Berlin, Germany; A. Odier, Paris, France; P. de Gaffroy, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Marquis de Canizares, Madrid, Spain.

Fifteen Boers Captured.

LONDON, March 5.—A despatch from Pretoria received today says that fifteen Boers, including Field Cornet Noddy and Botha's chief telegraphic corps, have been captured near Staysdorp eastern Transvaal.

MARTIAL LAW NOW PREVAILS IN NORFOLK

The Strike Situation is More Threatening.

Troops Clash With Populace and a Number of People Are Injured—More Soldiers at Scene.

NORFOLK, Va., March 5.—The strike crowds this morning were more threatening, and it was thought best to declare martial law in force.

Four more companies of militia have been ordered here.

Late last night the troops were called upon to disperse a mob at Church and Charlotte Streets. The military charged the mob and several of its members were struck slightly with bayonets.

Three men were discovered by the patrol tearing up the track at Holt and Church Streets and were arrested.

The statement that attempts have been made to dynamite the tracks is denied by the police.

Aged Man's Assaults Sentenced.

MEDIA, Pa., March 5.—In the Delaware county court Albert Morris and William Paxson, two of the negroes who brutally assaulted Thomas J. Martin, the aged proprietor of the Steamboat Hotel, Chester, were convicted. Paxson was sentenced to twenty years and Morris to nineteen years in the Eastern penitentiary.

School Official Accused of Bribery.

McKEESPORT, Pa., March 5.—School Controller James Foster has filed charges against Superintendent Henry F. Brooks, of the public schools, charging him with issuing professional certificates to teachers who are not entitled to them. Foster alleges that the superintendent gave certificates in order to help his chances for re-election in May.

PRINCE IS SPEEDING ON TOWARD BUFFALO

Greeted by a Big Crowd in Cleveland.

TOLEDO WAS DISAPPOINTED

Henry Was Sleeping When Train Reached That Town, and Did Not Awaken to Receive Prepared Demonstration, Extraordinary Precautions in Chicago.

CLEVELAND, March 5.—There was a big crowd at the Union depot when Prince Henry's special train rolled in at 2:15 o'clock this morning.

There were no formal ceremonies. The members of the Prince's suite were at breakfast.

The Prince appeared on the back platform of his car and bowed his acknowledgements to the plaudits of the multitude.

A change of engines was made and after a five-minute stop the train was off on its way to Buffalo.

Toledo Germans Disappointed.

TOLEDO, March 5.—Relying on the report of a delegation sent to Washington to greet Prince Henry that he would appear when his train went through here this morning nearly 5,000 people gathered at the Union station.

All the German societies were represented, two hands played German and American airs, and Editor Hubert, of the "German Express," had an elaborate address to present.

The train arrived at 6:13 and left at 6:18 and during the five minutes' stop the Prince slept.

Toledo Germans are disappointed.

Extraordinary Precautions.

CHICAGO, March 5.—Extraordinary precautions were taken by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway officials to ensure the safety of Prince Henry and his party during their passage back from Milwaukee and through the city this morning.

Every switch from the junction at Western Avenue to Armitage Avenue was spiked down, and fifty watchmen were stationed along the line with instructions to let no body approach the tracks.

The arrival from Milwaukee and the departure of the special train for the East were accompanied by no incidents, however.

Signs of life were visible, however, in the dining car. Ambassador Holleben was the conspicuous figure at a table at which were gathered several members of the party, and appearances indicated that the night was deemed well spent.

The royal train was hauled over the Pan-Handle tracks to the Chicago Junction tracks, and thence to the Lake Shore tracks, where an engine of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad was waiting to hurry the party on its eastward journey to Niagara.

It was 1 o'clock this morning before Prince Henry had left Chicago behind.

The special train bearing the Prince is due to reach Buffalo at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon.

REDUCED HIS OWN SALARY.

Plymouth Borough's Clerk Thus Helps to Meet Flood Damages.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 5.—Ray Van Horn, clerk of Plymouth borough, has voluntarily reduced his salary one-fifth. The borough has had to spend \$30,000 to crush the smallpox epidemic, and the damage done by the flood is more than that. He said in view of this great expense he could not get along with less salary. Other officials are expected to do likewise.

Sleeping Watchman Killed by Gas.

ALTOONA, Pa., March 5.—Falling asleep in his watch-box near the Pennsylvania Division round house of the Pennsylvania Railroad, in this city, last night, John A. Lindner, forty years old, was suffocated by gas which came through the floor of the small structure. The gas came from a leaking pipe two feet underground.

Torpedo Destroyer Reported Lost.

DOVER, England, March 5.—It is reported that a British torpedo destroyer has been sunk in collision during a fog in the English Channel. The report has not been confirmed.

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WOULD RATHER DEAL WITH ANARCHY THAN NEWSPAPERS

District Attorney Jerome Scores the Press of New York in Defense of the Grand Jury.

NEW YORK, March 5.—District Attorney Jerome last night made a private dinner to the Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott his occasion for the defense of the grand jury's action in the New York Central tunnel disaster, and for a bitter denunciation of what he called "government by newspapers."

He delivered a scathing philippic against municipal newspaper methods, and cautioned the public not to form its opinions from newspaper reading. Incidentally, he declared his answering faithfulness to the oath he has taken to do his duty, and said that even if that involved the destruction of his own political future, and if it meant the tearing down, in a measure, of a so-called reform administration with which he has been identified, those considerations could make no difference in his course.

Mr. Jerome was next to the last speaker and it was after 11 o'clock when he was called upon. He apologized for having made no preparation and said that he had been distinctly assured that he would not be asked to speak.

"But since I have been called upon," said he, "there are two things which have been running in my mind, and I will talk about them with government by newspapers. The Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale said something to you a few minutes ago about daily newspapers being hastily read and not always making so deep an impression upon the public mind as is made by such journals as that which Dr. Abbott edits, the 'Outlook.' I do not believe that is so.

"A very large section of every community derives its opinion of public events solely from the newspapers of the day, and many of them simply by reading the headlines. It is a very serious thing that it is so.

"We have heard a great deal lately about anarchy, but I would rather have the task of dealing with anarchy than with government by newspaper. I have no personal quarrel with the newspapers. At times they have visited upon me excessive adulation, and at other times have poured out upon me the vials of their wrath, but the situation is becoming too serious when the newspaper press of this city, with entire unanimity, takes a position that is wholly unjustified, and when the reading public forms its opinions from such sources.

"Gentlemen, when you see the entire newspaper press of New York abusing one of the most time honored factors of our system—I refer to our grand jury—because, forsooth, the gentlemen who compose that body could not, under the solemn oaths which they had taken, consent to say that a certain proposition was true, then I say it is time for thoughtful and intelligent men, such as sit here, to stop and consider before they permit themselves to join in this public clamor."

RENDERED HOMELESS BY EXPLODING LAMP

Fifteen Houses Destroyed in Pittsburg Fire.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 5.—A lamp explosion at 3:45 o'clock this morning at the home of W. P. Harrol, Orchard Street, Schoenville, destroyed that house and fourteen five-room frame houses adjoining.

Through heroic efforts all the families and most of their effects were safely removed.

The loss is estimated at \$15,000. The victims suffered much from exposure in the snow and cold, but were finally sheltered in other vacant houses in the town.

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